

EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST LIKE MARY AND JOSEPH

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WORSHIP

Hark, Infinitely Glorious,
Hope Has Come, Amazing
Love, Waymaker

WELCOME

What are your plans for this Christmas season? How do you make sure that your plans are aligned to God's plan as we celebrate Christ's birth?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's provision for families deeply affected by inflation.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; escalating tension in East Asian countries to stop.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

WORD

READ IT!

LUKE 1:26-35

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about how to experience God's best?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT!

I. REALIZE GOD'S GRACE

(Luke 1:28-34, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 2:11-12, 1 Corinthians 15:10, 1 Peter 5:5, Isaiah 9:6-7)

II. RESPOND IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

(Luke 1:38, Deuteronomy 22:20-21, Hebrews 11:6)

III. REJOICE IN GOD AND HIS WORD

(Luke 1:46-55, Romans 12:2, Matthew 1:18-25, John. 1:1-3, 14)

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "Experience God's Best Like Mary and Joseph", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

"I will _____

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for a meaningful Christmas season for friends and family that surround you. Ask God to reveal Himself to them, and that they will respond in faith and obedience when they encounter Him this Christmas. Beyond the material gifts you give, share the love of Christ to others---impart the gospel to them! Make Jesus central in your Christmas celebration and let others know that He is the Reason for our hope and joy this season.

MEMORY VERSE

LUKE 1:37-38

³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.³⁸And Mary said, 'Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.'